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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/477,298
Filing Date	January 4, 2000
First Named Inventor	Christopher Pearce, et al.
Group Art Unit	2661
Examiner Name	Steven Blount
Attorney Docket No.	062891.0297

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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a. Previously submitted
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on October 23, 2003.
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. Other: _____

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b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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 b. Other: _____

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